

Application No. 10/668,288
Further to the Amendment filed July 6, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Lu for the kind and courteous discussion with Applicants' representative on August 20, 2004.

The Examiner requested that several claims be amended for the sake of improving the overall readability.

Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 21, and 23 are amended. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the claims and specification as originally filed.

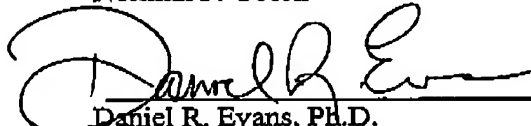
No new matter will be added upon entry of the amendment.

It is believed that the claims are in a condition for allowance. It is kindly requested that the Examiner acknowledge the same.

Applicants kindly request that the Examiner acknowledge formal consideration of the references which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2003, by returning to Applicants a copy of the initialed, signed, and dated Form PTO-1449 citing the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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